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Please see the attached AMENDMENT A for the following identified application:

In re application of: James J. Mezey, Sr.

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AMENDMENT A

February 7, 2003

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Sir:

The Office Action dated 04 December 2002 indicates claims 1-20 are pending, of which claims 1-20 are rejected.

The following remarks are presented so as to provide justification for withdrawing the rejections listed in the Office Action. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested in light of the remarks which follow.

REMARKS

Referring to the Office Action dated 04 December 2002, claims 1-20 stand rejected. Claims 1-11, 13, 18, 19 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102e as being anticipated by Shin (US Patent 6,214,116). Claims 11, 12 and 14-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Shin in view of Dietz et al. (US Patent 5,685,906).

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 1-11, 13, 18, 19, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 102e. The cited reference does not include and does not suggest the teachings

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